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Letter dated 3 October 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to enclose herewith a statement of the delegation of the Republic of Paraguay in exercise of the right of reply to the remarks made by Samuel Santos López, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua, on Friday, 28 September 2012, in the general debate of the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 8.

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Statement of the Republic of Paraguay in exercise of the right of reply concerning the remarks made by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua on 28 September 2012 in the general debate of the United Nations General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session

The Republic of Paraguay rejects in their entirety the remarks of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua concerning Paraguay as a violation of the purposes and principles of the Organization regarding equal rights and self-determination of peoples, the sovereign equality of all its Members and non-intervention in domestic affairs.

The Republic of Paraguay, a land-locked developing country — one of the vulnerable groups recognized by the United Nations — notes that it has been excluded from the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR) and the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR), systems for integration of which it is a founding member State, having been suspended in its absence through illegitimate, unlawful and thereby arbitrary decisions. The countries concerned have adopted far-reaching decisions in open violation of international treaties.

At the regional level, the report on the Mission conducted by Mr. José Miguel Insulza, Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS), in the Republic of Paraguay from 1 to 3 July 2012 confirmed that the situation is absolutely normal and the rule of law is being adhered to in Paraguay; consequently, no sanctions were imposed on Paraguay by the organization, which confirmed the Electoral Observation Mission for the April 2013 general elections.

The details of the situation leave no doubt that constitutional processes have been respected in Paraguay and unequivocally discredit any reference to a breach of constitutional order.

The Republic of Paraguay deplores the fact that the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua has raised baseless doubts about Paraguayan democracy while overlooking gross violations of democracy and human rights in other countries of the region.

New York, 3 October 2012